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SUBJECT: KOREA AT 29TH UNGA: FRENCH AMENDMENT

REFS: A) USUN 5399; B) STATE 250012

FOR AMB. HABIB AT USLO PEKING

1. DEPT BELIEVES IT marginally ADVANTAGEOUS TO ACCEPT
REVISED WORDING OF OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 2 OF FRIENDLY
RES AS PROPOSED BY FRENCH (AND FORESHADOWED PARA 4
STATE REFTEL). COMPLETE TEXT OF REVISED RES REPEATED
PARA 4 BELOW FOR CONVENIENCE.

2. PROPOSED REVISION BREAKS NO NEW GROUND IN CONTEXT
US POLICY RE UNC AND STRENGTHENS IDEA IN RES THAT
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ARMISTICE AGREEMENT SHOULD BE MAINTAINED. IN ADDITION,

CHANGE MAY ATTRACT A FEW ADDITIONAL VOTES, SUCH AS FRENCH, WHO FOR OWN REASONS PREFER MORE EXPLICIT MOVEMENT TOWARD TERMINATION OF 24 YEAR OLD UN ROLE IN KOREA. WE NOTE ROK AND MOST CLOSE COSPONSORS ALSO FAVOR THIS MOVE.

3. ACCORDINGLY, USUN SHOULD CONVEY ACCEPTANCE OF REVISED LANGUAGE NO EARLIER THAN THURSDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 28, ON UNDERSTANDING ALL COSPONSORS AGREE AND (PER PARA 3 REFTTEL) THAT THIS WILL BRING ABOUT SOLID

EC-9 SUPPORT FOR FRIENDLY RES AND FRENCH SUPPORT ON ANY PROCEDURAL MOVES. AT SAME TIME, YOU SHOULD AGAIN SEEK FRENCH COMMITMENT TO VOTE AGAINST HOSTILE RES, PERHAPS ON GROUNDS THAT IF GA MAKES RECOMMENDATION ON PRESENCE OF US FORCES IN ROK, WHICH NOW CLEARLY A BILATERAL MATTER, IT WOULD SET UNHEALTHY PRECEDENT FOR GA ACTION IN SIMILAR SITUATIONS ELSEWHERE, E.G. WESTERN EUROPE. WE LEAVE TO USUN'S DISCRETION BEST TIMING AND MEANS OF ISSUING REVISED RESOLUTION, IN LIGHT OF EXISTING TACTICAL SITUATION.

4. BEGIN TEXT OF REVISED RESOLUTION: THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, DESIRING THAT PROGRESS BE MADE TOWARDS THE ATAINMENT OF THE GOAL OF PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION OF KOREA ON THE BASIS OF THE FREELY EXPRESSED WILL OF THE KOREAN PEOPLE;

RECALLING ITS SATISFACTION WITH THE ISSUANCE OF THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE AT SEOUL AND PYONGYANG ON 4 JULY 1972 AND THE DECLARED INTENTION OF BOTH THE SOUTH AND THE NORTH OF KOREA TO CONTINUE THE DIALOGUE BETWEEN THEM,

AWARE, HOWEVER, THAT TENSION IN KOREA HAS NOT BEEN TOTALLY ELIMINATED AND THAT THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT OF 27 JULY 1953 REMAINS INDISPENSABLE TO THE MAINTENANCE OF PEACE AND SECURITY IN THE AREA,

RECOGNIZING THAT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PURPOSES AND PRINCIPLES OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS
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REGARDING THE MAINTENANCE OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY, THE UNITED NATIONS HAS A CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THE ATAINMENT OF THIS GOAL ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA,

1. REAFFIRMS THE WISHES OF ITS MEMBERS, AS EXPRESSED IN THE CONSENSUS STATEMENT ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON 28 NOVEMBER 1973, AND URGES BOTH THE

SOUTH AND THE NORTH OF KOREA TO CONTINUE THEIR
DIALOGUE TO EXPEDITE THE PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION OF
KOREA;

2. EXPRESSES THE HOPE THAT THE SECURITY COUNCIL, BEARING
IN MIND THE NEED TO ENSURE CONTINUED ADHERENCE TO THE
ARMISTICE AGREEMENT AND THE FULL MAINTENANCE OF PEACE
AND SECURITY IN THE AREA, WILL IN DUE COURSE, GIVE
CONSIDERATION, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE PARTIES DIRECTLY
CONCERNED, TO THOSE ASPECTS OF THE KOREAN QUESTION
BEGIN UNDERLINE INCLUDING THE DISSOLUTION OF THE UN
COMMAND IN CONJUNCTION WITH ARRANGEMENTS TO MAINTAIN

THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT END UNDERLINE, WHICH FALL
WITHIN ITS RESPONSIBILITY (UNDERLINE PORTION VICE
QUOTE FUTURE OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND END QUOTE.
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